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The **Department of Military and Veterans Affairs**, also known as the state military establishment, has 3 primary missions: to execute the duties laid down by various statutes and the governor, administration of state-supported veterans' programming, and military preparedness to assist both state and federal authorities. The Michigan Army and Air National Guard constitute the armed forces of the state and serve under the orders of the governor as commander-in-chief. The governor appoints an adjutant general to serve as commanding general of the Michigan National Guard and as director of the Department of Military and Veterans Affairs.

The **Michigan Army and Air National Guard** have a mission to both the federal government and the State of Michigan.

The primary military mission of the department is to recruit, train, and maintain the Michigan Army and Air National Guard as reserve components of the United States Army and Air Force for federal mobilization. Over 1,700 Michigan Army and Air National Guard members from 19 units were mobilized in support of Operation Desert Shield and Operation Desert Storm during 1990-1991. Guard members have also been mobilized for Operation Uphold Democracy (Haiti, 1995), Operation Joint Endeavor (Bosnia, 1996), and Operation Allied Force (Kosovo, 1999).

The state **military mission** of the department is to train and maintain National Guard forces for the protection of life and property of Michigan citizens in natural disasters and the preservation of peace, order, and public safety. Extensive planning with the Michigan State Police Emergency Management Division went into Y2K preparedness in 1999, and the National Guard was ready. During 2000 the Michigan National Guard combined forces with the Department of Corrections (DOC) and Habitat for Humanity (HH) in Operation Uplift. Michigan gained national attention in this first-ever joint operation. The Michigan National Guard transported the DOC-built home components to several job sites and HH volunteers constructed homes for needy families. Throughout the 1999-2000 period, the Michigan National Guard fielded and trained its first weapons of mass destruction (WMD) Civil Support Team. This unit is designed specifically to assist first responders with technical guidance and assist should a WMD or catastrophic hazardous material incident occur.

The department began transitioning into veterans programming in 1983 when it accepted responsibility for administering grants and appropriations for veterans' service organizations. Eight years later Executive Reorganization Order No. 1991-7 directed the transfer of Michigan's 2 state-supported veterans' facilities (homes) in Grand Rapids and Marquette from the Department of

Public Health to the Department of Military Affairs, effective September 1, 1991, adding health care services to the department's traditional state property and infrastructure management activities. Effective September 6, 1995, Executive Order No. 1995-15 directed the transfer of the Michigan Veterans Trust Fund from the Department of Management and Budget to the Department of Military Affairs. Recognizing the department's expanded responsibility for administering all state-supported veterans' programming, the governor, via Executive Order No. 1997-7, renamed the department the Department of Military and Veterans Affairs on April 17, 1997.

The Department of Military and Veterans Affairs provides **support services** for approximately 11,000 military personnel constituting the Michigan National Guard. Approximately 3,000 full-time employees (state and federal) are assigned to various divisions, sections, and units located in Lansing; at 51 armories across the state; 3 air bases (Selfridge Air National Guard Base, Alpena Combat Readiness Training Center, and Battle Creek Air National Guard Base); 24 maintenance shops; the 146,000-acre military reservation at Camp Grayling; and the 7,500-acre Fort Custer Training Center in Battle Creek. Camp Grayling is one of the finest military training sites east of the Mississippi and is a major economic asset to Michigan. Approximately 30,000 troops train at **Camp Grayling** annually.

Support services include the construction and maintenance of armories; receipt, storage, and distribution of all supplies, materials, and equipment used by national guard units; repair and maintenance of military vehicles and equipment; processing of military and civilian payrolls; preparation of state and federal budgets; maintenance of detailed records of all military personnel; arranging for and executing training programs; operation of a regional training institute; management of all real and personal properties of the department; and operation and maintenance of Camp Grayling, Fort Custer Training Center, and the 3 Air National Guard bases.

The department, through the Veterans Affairs Directorate, provides **executive oversight and coordination for state veterans programming**. Operations encompass the Grand Rapids and D. J. Jacobetti (Marquette) Veterans Homes, the Michigan Veterans Trust Fund and administration of annual legislative grants to veterans service organizations to help their service officers assist veterans in processing claims with the federal government. In the aggregate, veterans service programming accounts for over 63% of the department's annual state budget (FY 2000) of nearly \$95 million.

The department provides administrative support to the State Military Board, the Military Appeals Tribunal, the Veterans' Homes of Michigan Board of Managers, the Michigan Veterans' Trust Fund Board of Trustees, and the Michigan Vietnam Veterans Memorial Monument Fund Commission.

## STATE MILITARY BOARD

### *Serve at the Pleasure of the Governor*

BRIGADIER GENERAL PETER B. INJASOULIAN (RET), Howard City  
 COLONEL DAVID RATAJK (RET), Stevensville  
 BRIGADIER GENERAL HAROLD W. RUDOLPH (RET), Novi  
 COLONEL JAMES SPACKMAN (RET), Laingsburg  
 BRIGADIER GENERAL STANLEY J. WILK (RET), Lathrup Village

The **State Military Board** was originally created by Act 16 of 1862 and consists of 5 members appointed by the governor. The board holds title to certain military lands at Camp Grayling (the Hanson Grant); has the authority to accept or exchange lands for military purposes; has the authority to grant easements; and has other advisory functions in connection with military construction.

## MILITARY APPEALS TRIBUNAL

### *Term expires*

COL. MICHAEL V. MARSTON, Grosse Pointe Farms. . . . . Apr. 16, 2004  
 CHARLES PALMER, Bath. . . . . Apr. 16, 2003  
 STEPHEN PEREIRA, West Bloomfield. . . . . Apr. 16, 2003  
 COL. RALPH O. WILBUR, Hastings. . . . . Apr. 16, 2004  
 MICHAEL ZEHNDER, Troy. . . . . Apr. 16, 2002

The **Military Appeals Tribunal** was created by Act 523 of 1980. The 5 members of the tribunal are appointed by the governor, with the advice and consent of the senate, to serve 4-year terms. Upon expiration of a term, a member may continue to serve until a successor is appointed. A person is eligible for appointment to the Military Appeals Tribunal if the person is a commissioned officer in the Michigan National Guard or a civilian and licensed to practice law in Michigan.

The tribunal has appellate jurisdiction, upon petition of the accused National Guard service member, to hear and review his or her record in all decisions of a court martial, under the Michigan Code of Military Justice. The tribunal sits as a panel of 3 members with the concurrence of 2 members necessary for a decision.



## VETERANS' HOMES OF MICHIGAN BOARD OF MANAGERS

### *Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW)      Term expires*

DALE J. BRUBAKER, Livonia . . . . . Feb. 28, 2005

RICHARD "CHIC" LAFAVE, Gwinn . . . . . Feb. 28, 2002

### *The American Legion*

WILLARD F. COFFEY, L'Anse . . . . . Feb. 28, 2007

F. GERRIT VELDMAN, Lansing . . . . . Feb. 28, 2007

### *Disabled American Veterans (DAV)*

LEO J. LEROUX, Essexville . . . . . Feb. 28, 2003

### *American Veterans of World War II-Korea-Vietnam (AMVETS)*

JASPER T. MCCAIN, Detroit . . . . . Feb. 28, 2003

### *Veterans At-Large*

RUTH A. NEWMAN, Northville . . . . . Feb. 28, 2005

The **Veterans' Homes of Michigan Board of Managers** was created by Act 152 of 1885. Executive Order No. 1991-7 transferred the board from the Department of Public Health to the Department of Military and Veterans Affairs, effective September 1, 1991. The veterans' homes provide both domiciliary and long-term nursing care for Michigan residents who were on active duty in the armed forces of the United States during a period of war. The Board of Managers exercises certain regulatory and governance authority regarding admission and member affairs, in addition to representing the interests of the veterans' community in both advisory and advocacy roles. Michigan's 2 facilities are the Grand Rapids Home for Veterans and the D. J. Jacobetti Home for Veterans in Marquette.

The 7 board members are appointed by the governor, with the advice and consent of the senate, to serve 6-year terms. Upon expiration of a term, a member may continue to serve until a successor is appointed.



## MICHIGAN VETERANS' TRUST FUND BOARD OF TRUSTEES

### *The American Legion      Term expires*

JAMES L. LANE, St. Helen . . . . . Feb. 25, 2003

ARNOLD W. ZEILE, Lansing . . . . . Feb. 25, 2004

### *Veterans of Foreign Wars*

RICHARD LEHNER, Sumner . . . . . Feb. 25, 2003

JAMES PINTAR, Painesdale . . . . . Feb. 25, 2004

### *Disabled American Veterans*

THOMAS TOMLINSON, St. Clair Shores . . . . . Feb. 25, 2002

## **MICHIGAN VETERANS' TRUST FUND BOARD OF TRUSTEES (Cont.)**

### ***American Veterans of World War II-Korea-Vietnam***

*Term expires*

EDWARD J. FLORENCE, JR., Southfield. . . . . Feb. 25, 2002

### ***Vietnam Veterans of America***

KEITH KING, Detroit . . . . . Feb. 25, 2002

The **Michigan Veterans' Trust Fund Board of Trustees** was created by Act 9 of the First Extra Session of 1946 to provide temporary financial assistance from the earnings of the fund to veterans and their dependents for emergency and educational purposes. Executive Order No. 1995-15 transferred the fund from the Department of Management and Budget to the Department of Military and Veterans Affairs.

The program, through county committees, dispenses grants to veterans, dependents, or survivors to relieve financial crises or hardship and secures shelter, food, medical treatment, clothing, and other needs when an applicant is placed in jeopardy by circumstances generally beyond his or her control. Other functions include dispensing tuition grants to children of 100% disabled or killed in service veterans (Act 245 of 1935, 35.111 MCL as amended) and maintaining military records of the state's veterans.

The 7 members of the board are appointed by the governor to serve 3-year terms. Upon expiration of a term, a member may continue to serve until a successor is appointed.



## **MICHIGAN VIETNAM VETERANS MEMORIAL MONUMENT FUND COMMISSION**

### ***Appointed by the Governor***

JOHN G. KULHAVI, White Lake  
LARRY B. MAIN, Dearborn Heights  
CHARLES MERZ, Detroit  
R. MICHAEL SAND, Fraser

### ***Appointed by the Senate Majority Leader***

KEITH KING, Detroit  
BARRY F. WALTER, Novi

### ***Appointed by the Speaker of the House***

BARRY D. BOMIER, Clarkston  
MARTY EDDY, Wayne

The **Michigan Vietnam Veterans Memorial Monument Fund Commission** was created by Act 234 of 1988 to oversee the financing and construction of a memorial monument dedicated to Vietnam veterans from Michigan who died or are listed as missing in action.

Five of the 9 commission members are appointed by the governor and serve at the pleasure of the governor. Two members each are appointed by the senate majority leader and the speaker of the house. Commission members will serve until the construction of the monument is completed.



The map on the following page depicts the location of Michigan armories, training sites, and air bases.

The chart that follows the map indicates the National Guard units, their locations, and the total number of personnel authorized in the Air and Army National Guard.



ARMORIES, TRAINING SITES, AND AIR BASES

